



• Navigating Roundabouts

Driving in and out of a roundabout will become second nature to you very quickly.

Here are a few basic guidelines you should get to know before you begin using roundabouts. Also, practice with different types of roundabout navigation using WisDOT's "How to use a roundabout." Choose your route and method of transportation as you travel through an animated version of a multi-lane roundabout.

How to use a roundabout



Approach and entry

- When approaching the roundabout, follow the lane designation signs and choose the proper lane for multi-lane approach roadways. Slow down and yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.
- Look to the left. Traffic in the roundabout has the right of way.
- Approach the yield line and enter the roundabout when there is an adequate gap in the circulating traffic flow.
- If another car is waiting at the yield line ahead of you, do not stop in the crosswalk. Keep the crosswalk clear for pedestrians.
- Bicyclists are permitted to ride within the roundabout. Please share the road and do not pass a bicycle in the roundabout.

Exiting the roundabout

- Once you have entered the roundabout, proceed counter-clockwise to your exit. You now have the right of way.
- As you approach your exit, turn on your right turn signal.
- Exit the roundabout, yielding to pedestrians in the crosswalk.

For detailed roundabout design, video and engineering information, visit [WisDOT's motorist guide to roundabout design](#)

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Pedestrians

- Stay on the designated walkways at all times.
- Cross only at the designated crosswalks.
- Never cross to the central island.

- Watch for cars; you have the right of way, but your best protection is your own attention.
- Cross the crosswalk one lane at a time, using the splitter island as a refuge area before crossing the next lane.

For more information, download the pedestrian fact sheet:{quickdown:609}

Cyclists

- If you are comfortable riding in traffic, take the lane and circulate like you are a vehicle, making sure you yield to traffic in the circle when entering.
- Ride at the speed of the circular roadway to discourage cars from passing you.
- When you exit the roundabout, use your right hand signal.
- If you are unsure about using the roundabout, get off and walk your bike as a pedestrian at the designated crosswalks.

Interested in reading more about roundabouts? Want hard copies of navigation instructions to put in your car? Download the bicycle and pedestrian fact sheet:{quickdown:609}

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